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Dear Directors;

Please accept this Addendum to the Fayette County Vote Center plan on behalf of the Fayette County Board of Election. This should be utilized in conjunction with the Plan that was previously submitted. Upon the review of SEA 32, it is my hope that all the requirements of this code have been addressed in this addendum. Please accept my apology for not satisfying these requirements in the original plan that was submitted.

Thank you in advance for your help in implementing the Vote Center concept in Fayette County. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely:

Melinda Sudhoff

**Fayette County Clerk** 

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#### FAYETTE COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN ADDENDUM

This addendum is to address the issues that were not included in the previously submitted plan and are required by code in SEA 32:

There are currently 16,723 active and 27 inactive voters in Fayette County. This total includes the Connersville municipal active voters numbering 9,116 and 23 inactive voters.

Pertaining to the hardware, software and firmware used for the e-poll book, we will be utilizing the Quest FirstTuesday ePollbook. The hardware is based on Microsoft's system requirements for Internet Explorer with a couple minor changes. The PC/notebook configuration will have the web browser capabilities to access Internet Explorer 7.0 or later. The computer will have at least 1 gigahertz (GHz) 32-bit (x86) or a 64-bit (x64) processor. The operating system will be Windows XP, Vista, 7 or Server. Memory capacity is at least 1.0 Gigabytes(GB) with the Hard Drive space being 120 megabytes (MB). A Super VGA (800x600) or higher-resolution monitor with 256 colors will be used for the display. Peripherals required are a modem or Internet connection; Microsoft Mouse, Microsoft IntelliMouse, or a compatible pointing device. The electronic pollbook software is delivered via the web browser (Software as a Service-SaaS) and will have Poll Worker, Administrative and Reporting modules. The ePollbook database will be extracted from Indiana SVRS and will update the SVRS vote history after an election. Hosting services for ePollbook software and database includes requisite server and storage capacity, setup, backup/recovery, virus protection, data encryption, and failover capabilities. Because this is a secure internet connection, it will accessible by password only. This will ensure that the Clerk and each vote center will have immediate access concerning who has voted. The number of voters will be balanced each day with the epollbook and the Infinity voting machines. This will also be documented in the SVRS by the "absentee" procedures up to the Election Day.

The security plan for the voting machines and the e-poll books is to lock the rooms in which they are placed each night. The voting machines will also be secured each night with numbered seals that will need to be cut each morning in order to utilize the machines. The e-poll books will only be accessible when a member of each party enters their undisclosed password. The number of voters on the machines and the number of voters in the e-poll book will be checked and balanced each day. Upon balancing, the names of voters will be disclosed to the interested Party Chairpersons or candidates upon request up to the day of the Election.

In the event of a power failure at each/or one vote center, the voting machines and epoll books will be switched to battery back up. We also have generator access at either vote center if the power is off for a longer period of time. For obvious reasons, if the safety of the voters and/or poll workers is ever at risk, the vote center will be closed upon direction of the Election Board. If convenient for the voters, they may be instructed to visit the opposite vote center. If the Internet is inaccessible, the voter will be ascertained to be eligible to vote from a hardcopy poll book. In an emergency situation, cell phones will be utilized to inform the opposite vote center that the voter has indeed voted and should <u>not</u> be allowed to do so again should the circumstance arise.

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